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Favourite Christmas Movies of the I Love Creston Staff

How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)

One name says it all... Jim Carrey. He was born to be the Grinch. This is a successful production in bringing the original animation to real life.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1966)

This colourful yet almost scary classic is narrated by Boris Karloff and directed by Chuck Jones (of Bugs Bunny fame). It is still one of the many classic Christmas movies you can still catch on television.

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

Another peek into the Griswold family's hilarious antics that turn even Christmas into a train wreck. Look for a minor but hilarious character played by Julia Louis Dreyfus (pre-Seinfeld).

A Christmas Story

This great 1940's holiday classic is for the whole family to enjoy. A young boy sets out to convince his parents, teachers and Santa that a BB gun really is the perfect gift. "You'll shoot your eye out!" This is a movie to watch every Christmas.

The Nightmare Before Christmas

Tim Burton is a genius. Who would every think to bring Halloween and Christmas together? Incredible imagery that pulls you in and makes you a part of what you are watching. It is a dark storyline, but leaves you with a content feeling.

Trapped in Paradise

Three not so bright brothers,
Nicholas Cage, John Lovitz and
Dana Carvey, successfully rob
a bank that my cat could rob.
Unfortunately, the locals' kindness
and generosity starts to rub off on
the trio and they unwillingly begin
to grow consciences.

Charlie Brown Christmas

The Peanuts gang is back.
Charlie Brown, an emotional and sensitive child tries to look past commercialism and find the true meaning of Christmas.
A shot at directing the school Christmas pageant is a failure so he desperately presents a pathetic Christmas tree. Linus saves the day.

(Why do all Peanuts movies make me cry?)

It's a Wonderful Life

"Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings!" An angel shows an emotionally distraught Jimmy Stewart how life would have been if he never existed. His journey heals his emotional wounds and he returns home to his family (who think he's talking gibberish).

The Santa Claus

This is another flick for the whole family. Divorcee, Tim Allen inadvertently convinces his son there is a Santa and he can literally prove it. After unintentionally knocking Santa of his roof, Allen puts on the Santa suit and voila – instant Santa.

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Favourite Christmas Songs of the I Love Creston Staff

Silver Bells (1952)

First recorded by the crooner himself, Bing Crosby, this popular tune can change your tired dragging feet into a brisk stride.

We Wish You A Merry Christmas (1962)

Drifting from his career of musical variations, Ray Conniff showed his vocal talents with this jolly song. It's happy lyrics put a smile on your face and arm around a friend.

Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer (1949)

Gene Autry belts out a tune that animates children and reminds us that Santa is real and he believes in equality. Rudolph is by far the most popular reindeer. If you listen closely, the song could be a fable.

Silent Night (1935)

Bing Crosby has the right tone personality and powerful voice for this beautiful song recorded early in his career. It's soothing melody and peaceful lyrics are perfect during the post-turkey nap.

Deck the Halls (1940's)

Canadian born Guy Lombardo, hit fame with his recording of Auld Lang Syne, but he sure can Deck the Halls. "Fa la la la la, la la la la" – that's the only lyrics you need to know.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

James O Halliwell sings this

150-year-old classic song that, in all honesty, you either love or hate. But it is a popular Christmas tune and we all know the words (myself, I'm a fan of the remakes).

Happy Christmas - War is Over (1969)

One of the most influential proponents of peace, John Lennon, sings from his heart asking the world to live in peace. Ironically, this song was recorded within a year of his assassination. Lennon's wife Yoko and a children's choir sing backup vocals, giving the song an innocent sound.

Do They Know it's Christmas (2004)

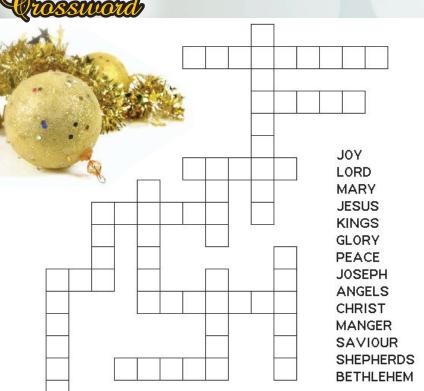
Twenty years after the haunting "Do They Know It's Christmas", Bandaid 20 re-releases an updated version to raise money for Africa. This rendition appropriately sounds dark musically while the lyrics project a tone of helplessness and sadness.

Merry Christmas-I Don't Want To Fight Tonight (2001)

What a phenomenon. The most unlikely bands, such as the Ramones, take a step to release an original Christmas song. It sounds like the Ramones and is rather catchy. The lyrics are simple, a man telling his partner that he doesn't want to fight because it's Christmas.

Fairytale of New York (1987)

Shane McGowan (the Pogues) is backed by intense and emotional instruments back this brilliant lyrical journey. Simply put, a beautiful Irish folk style ballad duet with Kirsty Macoll. Banter of love and anger between the two, coupled with their harmony makes this a powerful song.











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Treats for a

Christmas Crepes

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Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- Strawberries (cut in half)
- 1 package vanilla instant pudding
- Icing sugar

Method:

- Prepare vanilla pudding.
- Refrigerate pudding.
- Mix the dry ingredients in a mixing bowl with a fork.
- Stir in the milk, eggs, butter and vanilla.
- Beat batter until smooth.
- In a 6-inch skillet pour about 1/4 cup of the batter.
- Pick up pan and rotate until the batter covers bottom.
- Cook until crepe is light brown.
- Remove and stack.
- While serving, lay crepe out on plate.
- Place 2 tablespoons of pudding on crepe and roll in up.
- Sprinkle with icing sugar
- Place a cherry or strawberry on top.



Chocolate Truffles

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Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup Heavy Cream
- 4 ounces Bittersweet Chocolate (finely chopped)
- 1/2 cup Cocoa Powder

Method:

• Heat the cream almost to a boil.

- Put the chopped chocolate in a. medium bowl.
- Pour the hot cream over it.
- · Whisk gently until the chocolate is completely melted and the mixture is smooth.
- Allow to cool and harden.
- When ganache is solid enough to manipulate, scoop into 1" balls and roll in cocoa.
- Makes about 24 truffles.





Ingredients:

- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- •1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 6-ounce package of sweetened dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Method:

- Line the bottom and sides of 8x8 inch pan with plastic wrap.
- Combine chocolate chips and corn syrup in a medium saucepan.
- Cook over low heat until melted and smooth.

- Remove from heat.
- Add powdered sugar, evaporated milk and vanilla; stir vigorously until the mixture is thick and glossy.
- Add sweetened dried cranberries and nuts and mix well.
- Pour into prepared pan.
- · Cover and chill until firm for about 8 hours.
- Cut into 1 1/2 inch squares.
- Store covered in refrigerator.
- Serve at room temperature.
- Makes about 25 pieces.











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Poinsettias

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Bright, flaming red, star-shaped Poinsettias are known as 'Flower of the Holy Night' or 'Flame Leaf' in the United States. One of the most popular flowers in Central America, it was brought here by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the first US ambassador to Mexico, over a hundred years ago. Still most of the supply of this famous beloved Christmas flower in American cities is said to come from California and the folklore attached to it comes from Mexico. Like Christmas Rose, this flower also represents the deep love for Christ and great devotion of a pure innocent human being to baby Jesus. However, in this instance, the devotees were two beautiful, naïve children who were not so fortunate as their friends to have enough money to do what their heart yearns for.

These poor children from Mexico were known as Maria, the sister and Pablo, her dear little brother. Just like all the other children in the village, they were looking forward to the Christmas festival and the annual Nativity play in which a large manger scene was set up in the village church. The season was full of parades and parties that were mainly centered around this church and all the people, especially children, used to gift presents to the baby child on Christmas Eve. Now, these two children loved Christ and the season of His birth very much but do not had any money to buy something for the baby Christ. They ardently wished to buy something special for the Christ but couldn't even buy the simplest of things for Him.

They were sad at heart and were quite disheartened by their poverty and misery when they set out for church to attend the service. They took the longer route in a vague hope to find dome blossoms to gift the child but couldn't find any. Finally, they picked up some wild weeds growing along the roadside as a gift for the Baby, squared their shoulders and approached the Church door. But how cruel little children can be, when they start teasing their fellow mates. Yet, Maria and Pablo braved their way to the manger and placed the greenery carefully around the manger. What happened next was the biggest surprise for all that were present! Bright red star-shaped flowers burst froth from the weeds and looked most sparkling of all gifts that the Christ child had received that day.

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Christmas Trees

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One of the most awaited Christmas décor items, especially by kids, is undoubtedly the magical looking Christmas tree. It is said that Christmas tree was included in the celebrations ever since humans observed these evergreen trees glistening in the moonlit sky on a clear night sparkling against the backdrop of white snow. One of the most import Christmas symbols for centuries, Christmas trees were used in many pagan festivals to honor their gods and spirits. Vikings in North Europe

considered these evergreen trees a reminder of the Spring that is about to approach and that the Winter will end soon. In ancient England and France, Druids used to honor God of harvests by decorating oak trees with fruit and candles, just as Romans adorned trees with trinkets and candles on Saturnalia.

It is said that the German Christians were the first to bring the trees into their homes to decorate or use a Christmas pyramid made of wood in areas where there was a scarcity of trees. Soon, whole Europe caught up with the trend and the English Royalty popularized it among the elite. Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, decorated the

first Christmas tree. They had then used candles, candies, fruits, and gingerbread. Christmas tree came to America with the German immigrants and was accepted by the general public only in the late 1800s. At the time of the first public display of a Christmas tree by German settlers in Pennsylvania, it was considered a symbol of pagans. Till then, apples, nuts, cookies, candies, colored popcorn and candles were the popular Christmas tree ornaments.

In the early 20th century, electricity brought a revolution in Christmas tree decoration. Electrical Christmas lights grew more and more popular every year and now







most communities throughout the US feature public displays of Christmas trees. The President of the United States now lights the National Christmas Tree every year in Washington as an indication of the beginning of Christmas celebrations. The huge lighted tree at Rockfeller Center in New York is quite a spectacle and skaters spinning beneath it look like angels. Christmas Tree has now gained popularity all over the world and choosing the right Christmas tree and its ornaments, placing gifts beneath it and opening them at midnight is all now part and parcel of Christmas fun and revelry.









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Jingle Bells

James Lord Pierpont publ. 1857

Dashing through the snow
On a one-horse open sleigh,
Over the fields we go,
Laughing all the way;
Bells on bob-tail ring,
making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way!
O what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh

A day or two ago,
I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side;
The horse was lean and lank;
Misfortune seemed his lot;
He got into a drifted bank,
And we, we got upsot.
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
What fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago, the story I must tell I went out on the snow And on my back I fell; A gent was riding by In a one-horse open sleigh, He laughed as there I sprawling lie, But quickly drove away. Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way! What fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh.

Now the ground is white
Go it while you're young,
Take the girls tonight
And sing this sleighing song;
Just get a bob-tailed bay
two-forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh|
And crack! you'll take the lead.
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
What fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

from the film Meet Me In St. Louis. Hugh Martin, Ralph Blane 1943

Have yourself a merry little Christmas, Let your heart be light From now on, our troubles will be out of sight Have yourself a merry little Christmas, Make the Yule-tide gay, From now on, our troubles will be miles away. Here we are as in olden days, happy golden days of yore. Faithful friends who are dear to us gather near to us once more.

Through the years we all will be together If the Fates allow
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough.
And have yourself a merry little
Christmas now.

Frosty the Snow Man

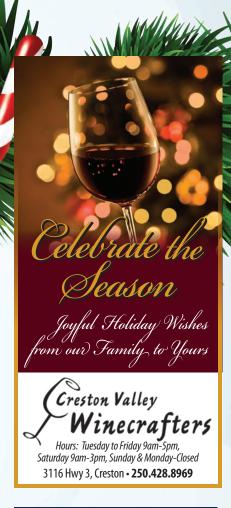
Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul, With a corncob pipe and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal.

Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale, they say, He was made of snow but the children know how he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found. For when they placed it on his head he began to dance around. O, Frosty the snowman was alive as he could be, And the children say he could laugh and play just the same as you and me.

Thumpetty thump thump, thumpety thump thump, Look at Frosty go.
Thumpetty thump thump, thumpetty thump thump, Over the hills of snow.

Frosty the snowman knew the sun was hot that day, So he said, "Let's run and we'll have some fun now before I melt away." Down to the village, with a broomstick in his hand, Running here and there all around the square saying, Catch me if you can. He led them down the streets of town right to the traffic cop. And he only paused a moment when he heard him holler "Stop!" For Frosty the snow man had to hurry on his way, But he waved goodbye saying, "Don't you cry, I'll be back again some day." Thumpetty thump thump, thumpety thump thump, Look at Frosty go. Thumpetty thump thump, thumpety thump thump, Over the hills of snow.



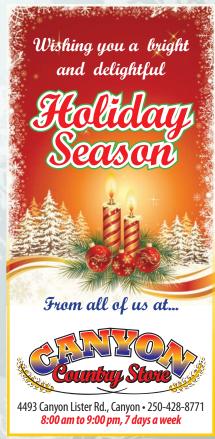






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What do they call Santa's helpers?
Subordinate Clauses.

What do you call Santa Clause after he's fallen into a fireplace?

Krisp Kringle.

Which of Santa's reindeers needs to mind his manners the most?

"Rude"olph.

What nationality is Santa Claus?

North Polish.

Where do Santa's reindeers like to stop for lunch?

Deery Queen.

What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wrapper?

Ribbonhood.

What do you call the fear of getting stuck while sliding down a chimney?

Santa Claus-trophbia.

What do you call a bunch of grandmasters of chess bragging

about their games in a hotel lobby?

Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.

How do sheep in Mexico say Merry Christmas?

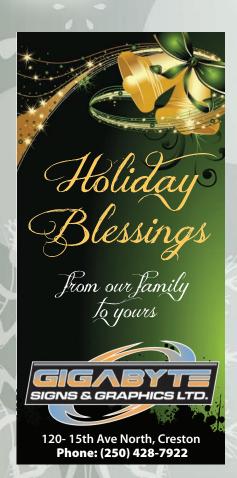
Fleece Navidad.

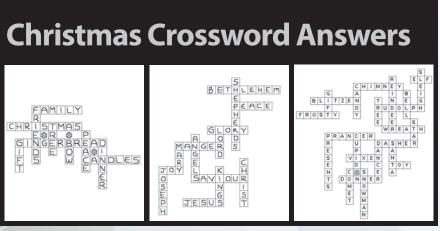
Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Because he had low elf esteem.

How do canines in Mexico say Merry Christmas?

Fleas Navidog.













I would like take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Area C and the Creston Valley, a safe, happy and prosperous Holiday Season and all the best for 2015.





Larry Binks Regional Director, Area C

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